

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Natural Resource Commission  
Regular Meeting  
April 28, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 6:16 p.m. by John Keshick III,  
Commissioner

**Roll Call:**

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Vice-Chairman, Daugherty Johnson III; Treasurer, Phil Harmon; and Secretary, William McNamara.

Absent: 1 Vacant Position

NRD Staff: NRD Director, Doug Craven; Great Lakes Fishery Biologist, Stephen Lenart; Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima; Inland Fisheries Biologist, Max Field; and Administrative Assistant, Debra S. Browne.

Absent: Inland Fishery Biologist Mentor, William Parsons; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis;

Guests: James Bransky, LTBB Tribal Attorney; Charles Schofield, Odawa Enterprise Manager; Alan Proctor, EDC Chairman; Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader; Dexter McNamara, LTBB Vice-Chairman;

Public Comment: Opened 6:18 p.m.

Public Comment: Closed at 6:20 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda.

**Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to adopt the agenda as amended, William McNamara, Secretary, supports.**

**3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Johnson III) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

6:19 p.m. Dexter McNamara, LTBB Tribal Vice-Chairman arrived.

NRC reviewed the minutes of April 14, 2010.

**Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to approve the Minutes of April 14, 2010 as corrected, Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.**

1 **3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (McNamara) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**  
2 **Motion Carried**

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4 Directors Report – Doug Craven, Director

- 5 • Asian Carp – a meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2010 with the  
6 Army Corps and USFWS and EPA are invited to the meeting to  
7 be held at the Maritime Center in Traverse City, MI that Doug will  
8 attend.
- 9 • Treaty Rights Retirement Funds meeting was held with the Trust  
10 fund board Saturday, to address the issues of management of  
11 the money.
- 12 • CORA contract was presented to CORA board at the CORA  
13 meeting that was held on April 22, 2010. There was some  
14 concern that IFAB payments from LTBB will not happen and  
15 today a letter was sent by Executive and it was determined that  
16 LTBB will not pay at this time. The reason LTBB is holding the  
17 payment is because LTBB provides over 1/5 of the services  
18 provided by IFAB.
- 19 • Elk – final Elk numbers have been distributed from the State to  
20 the Tribes for the 2010 Elk Season. The way the figures show  
21 LTBB will receive 5 tags for the upcoming 2010 season, with the  
22 possibility of receiving 2 either sex tags and 3 cow only tags.
- 23 • Garden Island – meeting is currently being set but not finalized.
- 24 • Paul Barbeaux's Bay de Noc permit is signed by Tribal  
25 Administrator, Albert Colby and ready for Paul to sign and pick  
26 up.
- 27 • Lyle Merriam, SSM Fisherman has submitted a application for  
28 dockage on the Beaver Island LTBB Dock.
- 29 • New conservation officer has been selected; Michael McCreery  
30 will start on May 3, 2010. Other grant positions have not been  
31 posted as of yet,

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33 6:27 Alan Proctor arrived.

34 6:33 James Bransky arrived

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36 **Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve the**  
37 **Director's Verbal Report as presented by Douglas Craven,**  
38 **Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman supports.**

39 **3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (McNamara) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**  
40 **Motion Carried**

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42 Conservation Enforcement Report – Doug Craven

- 43 • Kevin and Roger are attending training this week in MN
- 44 • Michael McCreery has been hired for the Conservation Officer  
45 position and will start on Monday, May 3, 2010.

**Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer to approve the Conservation Enforcement Verbal Report as presented by Doug Craven, Director, Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, supports.**

**3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (McNamara) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

Great Lakes Biologist Report – Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Biologist – Written Report deferred report.

Inland Biologist Wildlife Report – Archie Kiogima, Max Field

- Meetings

- BIA GLRI Grants Compliance – 4-15-10 with Bob Jackson, EPA and Midwest Tribes @ Lac du Flambeau, WI
- LTBB Grants Compliance – 4-20-10
  - BIA GLRI and TWIG with Julie K. and Carrie C.
- CORA – 4-22-10 with the 5 tribes @ Petoskey, MI
- Great Lakes Piping Plover Pre-Nesting Season Coordination Meeting – 4-23-10 with USFWS @ Pellston, MI

- Field Activities

- 2010 LTBB Sturgeon Harvest – Completed
  - 4-15-10 @ 9:05 p.m.
  - Hook and Line with Art Archambo
  - 5 ft., 61 lbs., 26" in girth, Ripe Female
  - LTBB Sturgeon Feast was held on 4-21-10
- Carcass Cameras (5) – Completed
  - Wilderness State Park (2) – retrieved 4-19-10 and 4-21-10
  - Jurek's Gut Piles – retrieved 4-9-10
  - Wycamp Lake – retrieved 4-9-10
  - French Farm Lake – retrieved 4-14-10

- Monitoring

- Wycamp Lake Staff Gauge @ Dam

Break 6:45 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

7:05 p.m. William McNamara arrived

7:06 p.m. Julie Shananaquet arrived

**Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve the Inland Wildlife Biologist Written Report as presented by Max Field, and Archie Kiogima, Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman; supports.**

**3 Yes 1 No (McNamara) 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

1 **Motion Carried**

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3 7:10 p.m. Archie Kiogima and Max Field depart meeting.

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5 Great Lakes Biologist Report – Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Biologist –  
6 Written Report - deferred report.

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8 Discussion was held on the Final 2010 Lake Trout Harvest Limits  
9 Recommendations – Stephen Lenart distributed the Final  
10 Recommendations and a discussion was held. 453,000 of lake trout  
11 will remain until 1998 sea lamprey levels are maintained in Lake  
12 Michigan. MM-4 is covered by stipulation GTB 124,000 lbs – MM-5  
13 also covered by stipulation the bay stocks are headed downward. MM-  
14 6 & 7 not much harvest there. Lake Huron MH-1 the model prediction  
15 for CORA was 185,000 state 1???? 560 lbs go to the tribes after the  
16 penalty. MH-2 CORA allocation is mortality with trap nets (a couple of  
17 fish per lift)

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19 MH-1 provided a graph with model limits and stipulated 210,000 for  
20 07, 08 and 09. Graph spawning for MH-1 declined 06 I & 09 in excess  
21 in. Year class strain and declining in spawning stock.

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23 **Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary to approve final**  
24 **2010 Lake Trout Harvest Limit recommendations, as presented**  
25 **by Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Fishery Biologist, Daugherty**  
26 **Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, supports.**

27 **4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

28 **Motion Carried**

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30 7:30 p.m. Stephen Lenart departs meeting.

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32 LTBB Odawa Fishery Inc, Corporate Charter for Bell's Fishery was  
33 discussed. Charles Schofield, Odawa Enterprise Management (OEM);  
34 gave a brief history of the funding for Bell's Fishery and the  
35 relationship with the Tribe. Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader,  
36 gave an explanation of what the Tribal Council expects from the  
37 establishment of a board to establish own charter corporation, to make  
38 Bell's Fishery a successful business. The Management of the Charter  
39 Corporation and OEM could not operate under the Tribal Council. NRC  
40 included at a board level. OEM, NRC and EDC must work together to  
41 establish Bell's Fishery as a profitable business. Tribal Council is  
42 requesting that OEM, NRC and EDC work together to present the best  
43 possible plan to make bell's a business plan or charter that will work.  
44 Work on a Charter and plan that can be presented to tribal council and  
45 the effects with the fishing community.

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2 Possibility of Executive Directive to establish a work group for Bell's  
3 Fishery to move forward with cooperation of OEM, NRC and EDC to  
4 have Bell's become self sufficient and successful. CFO – books and  
5 overseeing the funds, Attorney – legal issues that may arise, Office of  
6 budget and management will be established. EIN (employer  
7 identification number) is a problem when all enterprises are under the  
8 same EIN and not being able to establish seasonal employees, etc.

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10 Business plan, charter as you would need to operate and then  
11 establish the statute. Tribal council will forward the Odawa Enterprise  
12 statute for review by the current work group that is present tonight.  
13 Julie Shananaquet can include the group in her report that she will  
14 present on Sunday.

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16 8:44 p.m. Julie Shananaquet and Dexter McNamara departs meeting.

17 9:04 p.m. Dexter McNamara enters meeting.

18 9:06 p.m. Alan Proctor departs meeting.

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20 Discussion was held on the Regulation changes for the reservation  
21 lands – the land and reservation committee needs to be consulted on  
22 some of the reservation boundaries issues.

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24 9:20 p.m. James Bransky and Charles Schofield depart meeting.

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26 Discussion was held on the Natural Resource Commission for changing  
27 rules and regulation policy -

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29 **Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to**  
30 **forward the (Natural Resource Commission for Changing Rules**  
31 **and Regulations Policy) to Executive for approval, Phil Harmon,**  
32 **Treasurer, supports.**

33 **4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

34 **Motion Carried**

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36 Discussion was held on the Elk Regulations and the amended numbers  
37 and geographical distribution of either-sex and cow-only permits the  
38 State intends to issue in 2010.

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40 Commissioner's Report – John Keshick III, Commissioner – No Report

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42 Public comment opened at 9:46 p.m. Phil Harmon would like to thank  
43 the NRD, Rodney Worthington, and Art Charmbeau for the Sturgeon  
44 Feast. Executive send Mr. Stupek for supporting LTBB tribal rights.  
45 Public comment closed at 9:55 p.m.

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**Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m., Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

Next scheduled meeting will be held on May 12, 2010.

Approved:

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William McNamara, Secretary

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Date